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For: A WATER VAPOUR BARRIER AND A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-33. A clean version of the amended claims is set forth below. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b), also enclosed, in Appendix A, is a marked up version of these claims to show amendments made in them:

1. (Once Amended) A water vapour barrier comprising

a first water impervious membrane having a plurality of first through openings defined therein,

a second water impervious membrane arranged opposite to the first water impervious membrane,

A1 a water absorbing material arranged within one or more spaces defined between the first and second membranes, and

wherein at least a part of said second water impervious membrane comprises a material having a water vapour diffusion resistance, which varies with the relative humidity of air in contact therewith, such that the water vapour diffusion resistance is